



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



The Old House at White Flint Farm Keeling, VA



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

The Old House at White Flint Farm

The Old House at White Flint Farm is a lovingly restored circa 1879 folk Victorian farmhouse with 2 bedrooms (1 queen, 2 twins), 2 1/2 bathrooms, a full kitchen, and a laundry room. It is a farm stay located on a chemical-free, sustainable family farm. The farm and house have been in the family for at least 6 generations.

We are committed to preserving and restoring the land and minimizing our footprint on the earth. We strive for environmental excellence and work to minimize our impact whenever possible.

We use environmentally-friendly and recycled products on our farm. When it comes to our purchases, we believe in rethinking, refusing, reusing, and recycling whenever possible. We practice chemical-free, sustainable farming and raise our vegetables and fruits without pesticides, herbicides, or synthetic fertilizers. Our hens are free range and our pigs are raised on pasture. We supplement their diets with GMO-free feed. Food scraps are composted. We love to share our green philosophy with guests.

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service

- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Have in place clearly marked recycling bins or provide convenient drop-off locations for guests to recycle:

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Newspaper
- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Fluorescent lamps
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Do not use any disposable containers, dishware, cutlery, or cups
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Purchase recycled paper with a high-percentage recycled content
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used



For more information on **The Old House at White Flint Farm**, see www.whiteflintfarm.com or contact Cherie at whiteflintfarm@gmail.com or 434-250-1253.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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